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HEW TO THE LINE; LET THE CHIPS FALL WHERE THEY MAY

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## Death and Funeral of Frank Lester Hamilton. Bright's Disease Was the Immediate Cause of His Passing Away in the Midst of Much Pain and Suffering. He Was President of the Old Folks Home Unto the Day of His Death and Ex-President of the Appomattox Club. His Remains Laid in State in the Parlors of the Club from Monday Evening Until Late Tuesday Afternoon When They Were Laid to Rest in Oakwood Cemetery

THE FLORAL TRIBUTES TO HIS MEMORY BY HIS MANY WARM FRIENDS WERE NUMEROUS AND VERY BEAUTIFUL. MRS. MARTHA B. ANDERSON AND T. THEODORE TAYLOR, SANG SOLOS. B. F. MOSLEY WAS MASTER OF CEREMONIES.

REV. FORDE PASTOR OF THE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH, 48TH AND DEARBORN STREETS, OFFERED PRAYER. REV. W. D. COOK, PASTOR OF BETHEL CHURCH, PREACHED THE FUNERAL SERMON AND PAID A GLOWING TRIBUTE TO THE WORTH AND CHARACTER OF MR. HAMILTON AND LOUDLY PRAISED HIM FOR BEING DEEPLY INTERESTED IN THE COMFORT AND WELFARE OF THE INMATES OF THE OLD FOLKS HOME.

EDWARD H. WRIGHT SPOKE ON MR. HAMILTON'S CONNECTION WITH THE APPOMATTOX CLUB AND HOW HE HAD LABORED NIGHT AND DAY TO BRING IT UP TO A HIGH STANDARD OF EFFICIENCY.

HOWARD T. CORNWELL READ THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE APPOMATTOX CLUB LAMENTING HIS DEATH. HENRY S. ANDERSON READ THE RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE NORTHWESTERN CLUB. DR. CHARLES L. LEWIS READ THE RESOLUTIONS FROM THE OLD FOLKS HOME.

UNIVERSAL LODGE NO. 65, MASONIC, OF WHICH MR. HAMILTON WAS A MEMBER, ATTORNEY JAMES E. WHITE, MASTER, WOUND UP THE SERVICES OVER HIS REMAINS.

CHARLES S. JACKSON, THE POPULAR FUNERAL DIRECTOR, WAS IN CHARGE.

The reaper of death early on last Sunday morning with its sickle keen ended the earthly career of Frank Lester Hamilton at the pleasant home of Col. and Mrs. James H. Johnson, 3650 Prairie ave., and right here it must be said to the everlasting credit of Col. and Mrs. Johnson that they treated him just like their own dear brother, in fact no one could have treated him with more kindness and with greater consideration. It is true that Col. Johnson and Mr. Hamilton were members of the same Masonic Lodge, that is Universal Lodge No. 65, but in many instances members of the same Lodge will not take each other into their homes to die. Three weeks prior to his death, while he was still confined to Provident Hospital, Col. Johnson while visiting with him asked him if there was anything that he wanted him to do for him and Mr. Hamilton replied that he would like to be conveyed to his home as he did not want to die in Provident Hospital and on Tuesday evening, May 1, he was removed to the home of Col. and Mrs. Johnson where he lingered between life and death until last Sunday morning and both of them spent many sleepless nights and anxious hours in watching by his bedside and endeavoring to make his last days here on earth happy, pleasant and cheerful.

Mrs. Alice Wilson, his sister of Los Angeles, Cal., sat by his bedside day and night for more than six weeks amply showing her love and her steadfast devotion to him. As stated above Bright's Disease was the immediate cause of his death.

His remains were removed from the home of Col. and Mrs. Johnson Monday evening to the parlors of the Appomattox Club, 3441 S. Wabash avenue where it laid in state until Tuesday afternoon at which time funeral services were held over the remains and laid to rest in Oakwood Cemetery.

He had hundreds of friends among all classes of his fellow citizens and his funeral was largely attended. At the time of his death he was still the President of the Old Folks Home and Ex-president of the Appomattox Club and for some time he was one of the directors of the Negro Fellowship League and he was always actively interested in everything for the advancement of the Colored race.

The floral tributes were numerous and very beautiful. Mrs. Martha B. Anderson and T. Theodore Taylor sang solos and B. F. Mosley was the master of ceremonies; Rev. Forde, Pastor of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, offered the first and the closing prayer and Rev. W. D. Cook, Pastor of Bethel Church preached the funeral sermon

and paid a high tribute to the worth and character of Mr. Hamilton and highly commended him for being deeply and greatly interested in the comfort and the welfare of the inmates of the Old Folks Home and he glowingly referred to the fact that Mr. Hamilton had become connected and had become a member of Bethel Church before he had passed on into the great beyond and that he honestly felt that he will find favor in the sight of God. Aside from many other timely remarks Rev. Cook read the following obituary:

Frank Lester Hamilton, was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, September 27, 1871. When still in his youth, he came to Chicago and at once became recognized for his aggressive attitude in all things that tend to the uplift of humanity. He lent his ear to the plea for help without discrimination and was foremost in any effort to advance the race he loved.

He was a member in good standing of the Universal Lodge No. 65, F. & A. M.; his work as President of the Appomattox Club first brought it into prominence as a factor to be reckoned in the civic world.

As President of the Home for Aged and Infirm Colored People, he placed it on a solid financial basis and seen to it that the dear old folks were assured permanent comfort. He also interested himself in other charities in which he had no official connection. Among them the Phyllis Wheatley Home to the aid of which he came in an emergency and saved it from closed doors.

He had a lingering illness to which he succumbed at 5:50 Sunday morning, May 20th, 1917. During his illness his heart was touched by the love of the Saviour and he found him, the "Port in the Storm." His regret was that he had not earlier, given himself to Christ and his admonition to his comrades was "Get right with God now."

His last days were made comfortable by the coming of his sister, Mrs. Alice Wilson from California and the opening of the home of Col. and Mrs. Johnson as a haven of rest and peace.

He leaves to mourn his loss, his sister, a brother, Parker Wilson of Detroit, Mich., and hosts of devoted friends.

Lovingly, in his memory,

His devoted and loving friend. For 19 years Mr. Hamilton held a responsible position with the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad and he was



THE LATE FRANK L. HAMILTON.

highly respected by all of its high officials, for some years prior to that he had charge of the private car of James J. Hill, the great railroad king of the Northwest, and at all times he always discharged all of his duties in an honest and straightforward manner.

Edward H. Wright spoke in behalf of the Appomattox Club and how Mr. Hamilton had labored hard for its advancement. Howard T. Cornwell read the resolutions adopted by the Appomattox Club which were as follows:

### Resolutions, Appomattox Club.

Whereas, God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst our friend and fellow club member, Frank L. Hamilton, and,

Whereas, the club members have lost one of their most congenial associates; Appomattox Club one of its staunchest members, and the community one of its best citizens, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the members of the Appomattox Club, that we extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved sister and brother, and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved sister and brother, and a copy spread upon the minutes of the club.

Jas. H. Johnson,  
President.  
Howard T. Cornwell,  
Secretary.

Henry S. Anderson read the resolutions passed by the Northwestern Club and Dr. Charles L. Lewis performed the same service for the Old Folks Home, Universal Lodge No. 65, Masonic, of which Mr. Hamilton was an honored member; Attorney James E. White, master, concluded the services over his earthly remains and Charles S. Jackson the up-to-date funeral director was in charge.

Mr. Hamilton was honest through

and through to the back bone. Several weeks before he was removed from Provident Hospital to the home of Col. and Mrs. Johnson he sent for us to come and see him at once as he wanted to pay us every cent that he owed as his subscription to The Broad Ax and on entering his room he extended his hand to us and exclaimed, "this is my good friend Julius F. Taylor!" then he said that he wanted to settle his account in full to date as he was fearful that something serious might happen to him and when we presented him with a copy of this paper dated April 21st, which contained his picture he was greatly pleased with it and for several weeks he kept it close by his side and showed it to all of his friends who were allowed to enter his sick room. This incident shows that Mr. Hamilton was honest and highly honorable in his dealings with his fellowmen.

### MAYOR WILLIAM HALE THOMPSON SHOULD APPOINT A HIGHLY EDUCATED COLORED WOMAN AS ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Many of the present members of the Board of Education and some of them whose terms will expire in the near future are engaged in fighting among themselves like so many mad cats and dogs plainly indicating that they are not the proper persons to be at the head of the school affairs of this great city and inasmuch as some of them have turned traitors to Mayor William Hale Thompson, even after he had used his influence to have their appointments confirmed by the city council.

Therefore, under all the circumstances, the best thing he could do would be to select a highly educated Colored woman for one of the members of the Board of Education and we cheerfully submit the names of the following women for his serious consideration.

Mrs. Daniel H. Williams, Dr. Fannie Emanuel, Mrs. David M. Manson, Mrs. Martha B. Anderson, Mrs. Johanna Snowden Porter, Mrs. Elizabeth Lindsay Davis, Mrs. Mary F. Waring and Mrs. Ida B. Wells Barnett.

Each and every one of the above mentioned women would make a creditable member of the Board of Education. They can all speak the English language correctly, which is much more than can be said in favor of some of the present members of that board, for

they not only chop up the English language in a horrible manner but no true American can pronounce some of their names.

Therefore let Mayor Thompson select an intelligent Colored woman for one of the members of the Board of Education and cover himself over with lasting glory.

### ALDERMAN ANDERSON HAS OPENED AN OFFICE IN THE SECOND WARD.

Alderman Louis B. Anderson has opened a ward office for complaints at 3333 So. State street. He can be found there any evening between the hours of 6 and 8.

### DR. LOUIE USSELMANN HAS REMODELED AND REDECORATED HIS UP TO DATE JEWELRY STORE FROM END TO END.

The past week, all the finishing touches were put on the up-to-date jewelry store of Dr. Louie Usselmann, 3150 S. State street, for it has been lavishly redecorated and remodelled from end to end and the showcases and other furnishings are all slick and clean, in fact, they are so slick and clean that it is almost impossible for a fly to light on them.

Dr. Louie who always extends the glad hand to his army of customers now has one of the most attractive jewelry stores in Chicago and his dutiful and pleasant wife, Mrs. Louise

Usselmann, states that it is now a pleasure to assist her husband every Saturday night to wind up the business for the week.

### MADAM ANITA PATTI BROWN DOES NOT SEEM TO BE VERY POPULAR IN ST. LOUIS, MO.

Madam Anita Patti Brown, one of the sweetest song birds of the Negro race, was greeted last Monday night at the Y. W. C. A. auditorium, by a small but appreciative audience, that enthusiastically applauded every number of a splendid program.

Madam Brown never appeared happier or sang more sweetly, notwithstanding the many empty chairs in the hall, which only proved her claims to the

title of the true artist. Society, which was conspicuous by its absence, missed a rare musical treat, in the rendition of a brilliant repertory by a worthy artist, who deserved a better reception from the music lovers of St. Louis.—The Fraternal, Clairion, St. Louis, Mo., May 19, 1917.

No comment by the editor of this paper.

Harry T. Burleigh, the noted musical composer and one of the greatest song writers of the race in this country was last week at Washington, D. C., awarded the third Spingarn Medal, it being admitted that his achievements were the highest during the preceding year of any of the contestants along the lines of human endeavor.